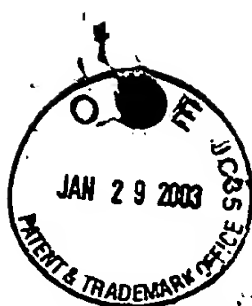


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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11-12, 16-17, 30-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 41-43 as follows.

A clean copy of the amended and new claims is included below. A marked up copy of the entire set of claims is included in Appendix A.

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